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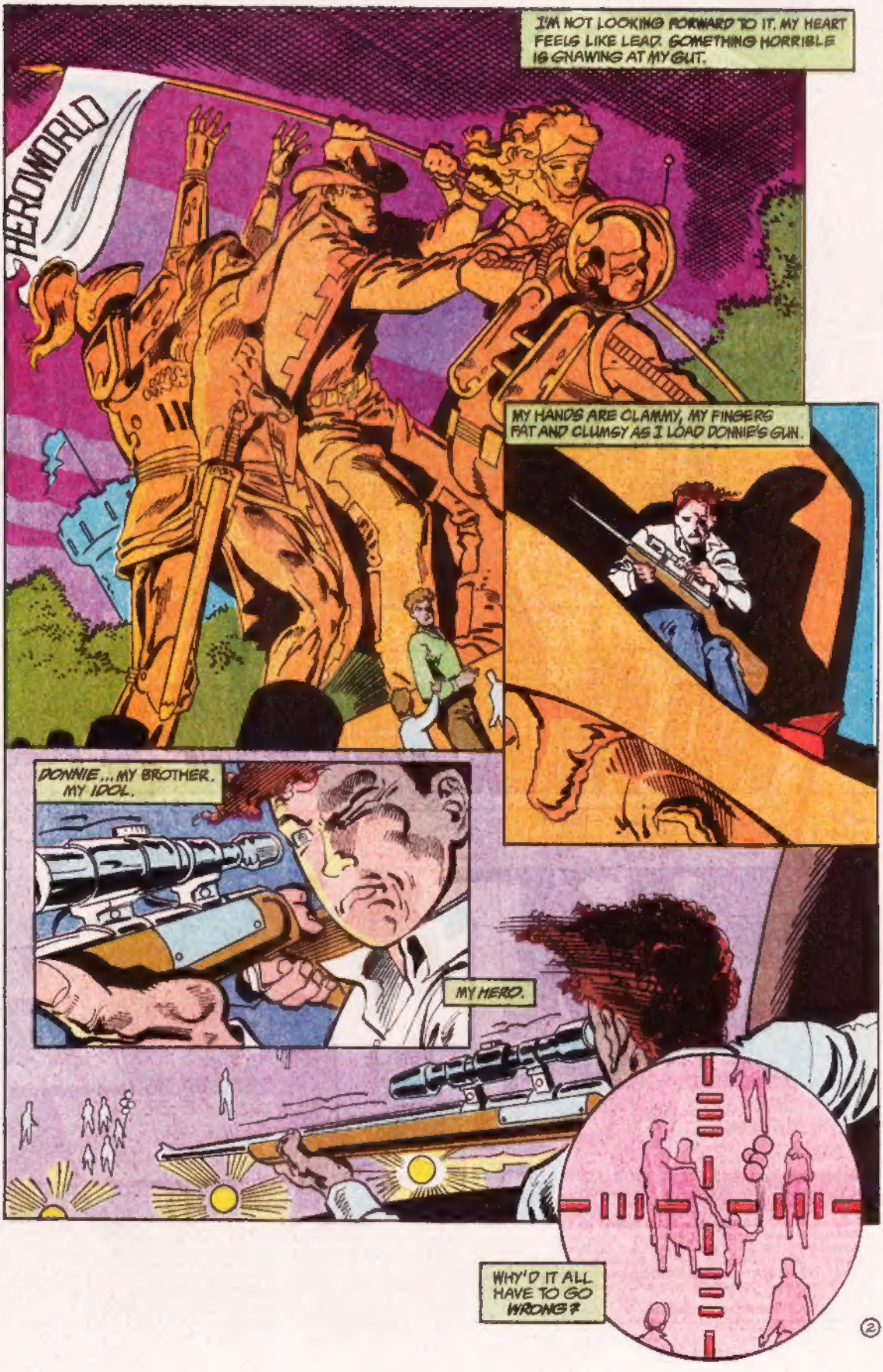
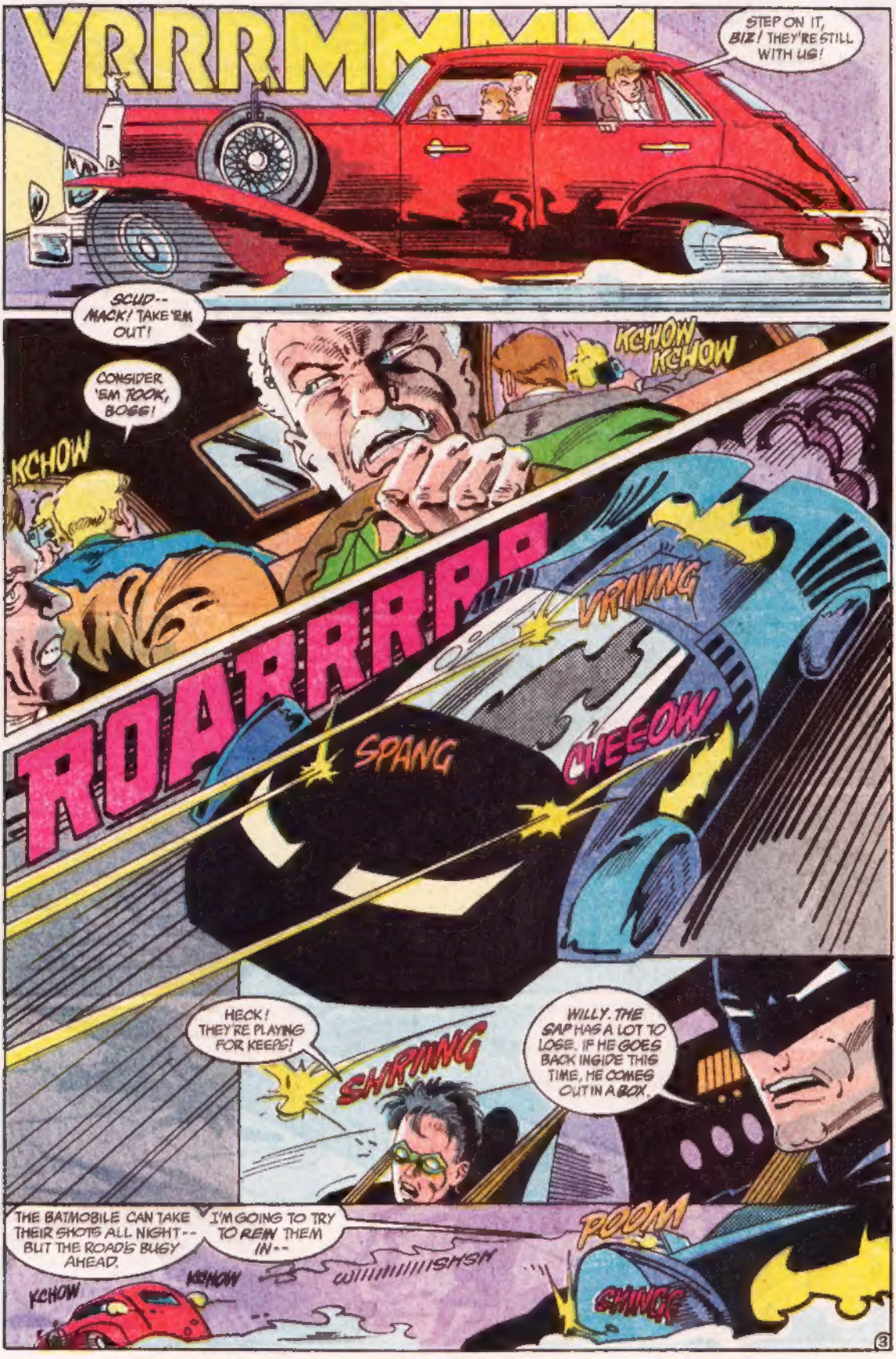

I'M NOT LOOKING FORWARD TO IT. MY HEART FEELS LIKE LEAD. SOMETHING HORRIBLE IS GNAWING AT MY GUT.
HEROWORLD
MY HANDS ARE CLAMMY, MY FINGERS FAT AND CLUMSY AS I LOAD DONNIE'S GUN.
DONNIE... MY BROTHER. MY IDOL.
MY HERO.
WHY'D IT ALL HAVE TO GO WRONG?


VRRRMMMMM
STEP ON IT, BIZ! THEY'RE STILL WITH US!
SCUD-- MACK! TAKE 'EM OUT!
CONSIDER 'EM TOOK, BOSS!
KCHOW
KCHOW KCHOW
ROARRRR
VRIVING
SPANG
CHEEOW
HECK! THEY'RE PLAYING FOR KEEPS!
SHRIVING
WILLY. THE SAP HAS A LOT TO LOSE. IF HE GOES BACK INSIDE THIS TIME, HE COMES OUT IN A BOX.
THE BATMOBILE CAN TAKE THEIR SHOTS ALL NIGHT-- BUT THE ROADS BUSY AHEAD.
I'M GOING TO TRY TO REIN THEM IN--
KCHOW
KCHOW
WIIIIIIIISHSH
POOM
SHINGG
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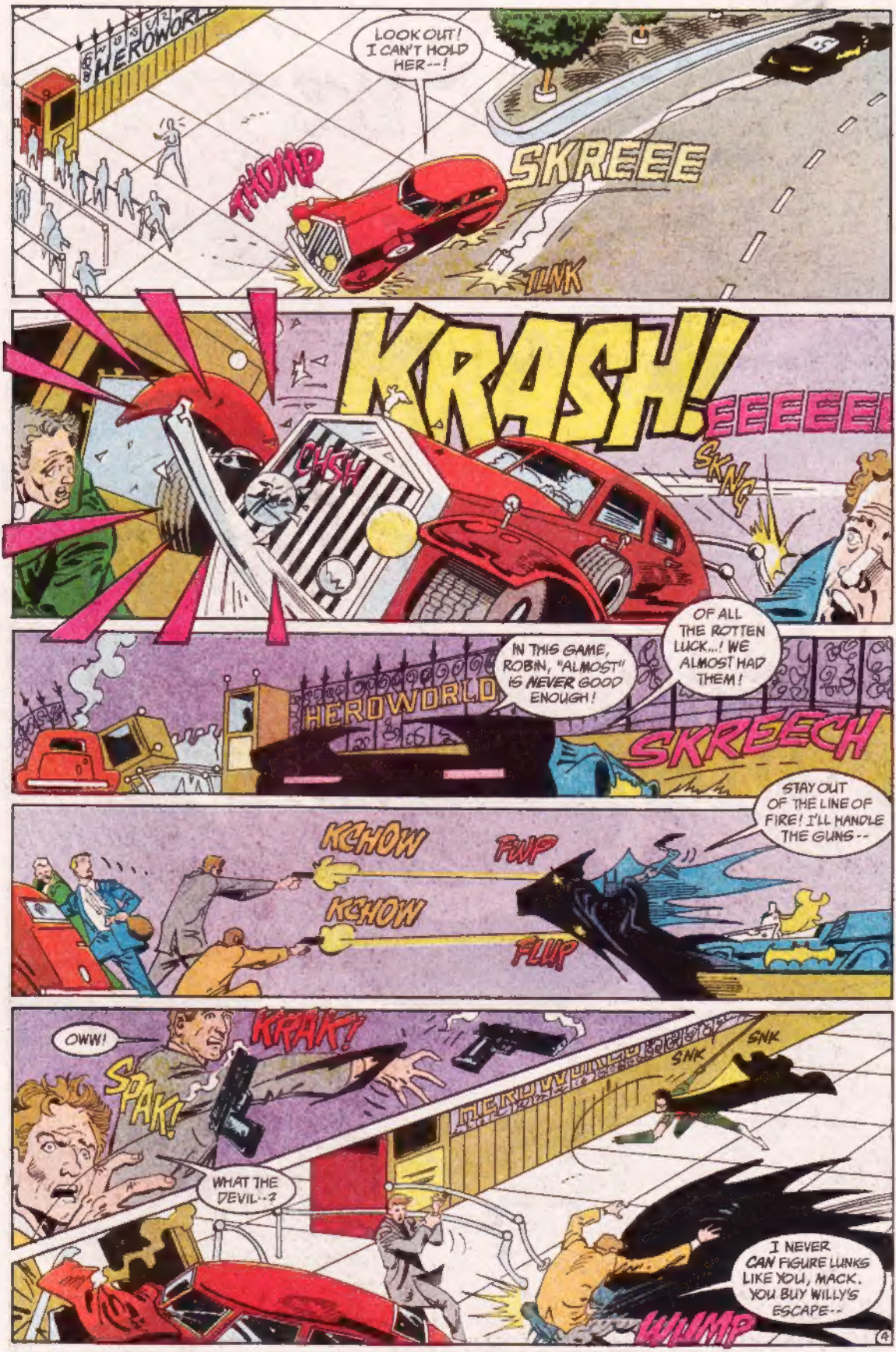
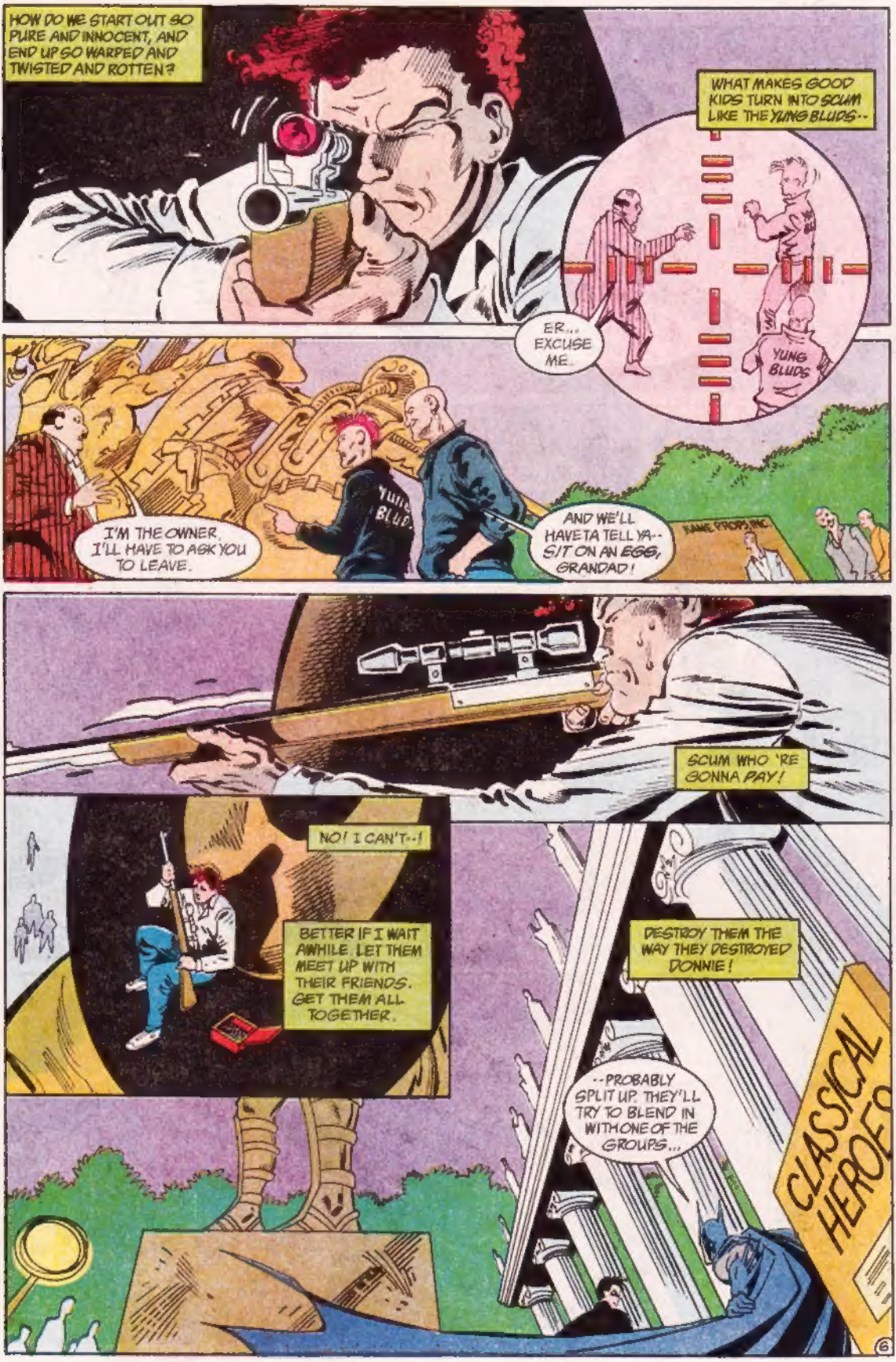

HEROWORLD
LOOK OUT! I CAN'T HOLD HER--!
THOMP
SKREEE
TLNK
KRASH!
EEEEEE
CHSH
SKNG
HEROWORLD
IN THIS GAME, ROBIN, "ALMOST" IS NEVER GOOD ENOUGH!
OF ALL THE ROTTEN LUCK...! WE ALMOST HAD THEM!
SKREECH
STAY OUT OF THE LINE OF FIRE! I'LL HANDLE THE GUNS--
KCHOW
FWIP
KCHOW
FLUP
OWW!
KRAK!
SPAK!
WHAT THE DEVIL--?
SNK
SNK
I NEVER CAN FIGURE LUNKS LIKE YOU, MACK. YOU BUY WILLY'S ESCAPE--
WUMP

KNOCK!
THAP
THAP
--WHILE YOU STAY AND TAKE THE KNOCKS!
BATMAN!
I'M MYLES TOFFLER. I OWN HERO WORLD...FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH! WHAT'S GOING ON?
TROUBLE, MR. TOFFLER. THERE ARE TWO ARMED CRIMINALS AT LARGE IN YOUR PARK.
THEY'VE NOTHING TO LOSE. THEY WON'T HESITATE TO USE THEIR WEAPONS!
OH, MERCY! THIS IS ALL I NEED!
CALL THE POLICE. THEN START EVACUATING PEOPLE. SMALL GROUPS. NO PANIC!
BUT--THEY'LL WANT THEIR MONEY BACK!
DO IT!
MONEY BACK? SURE! LIKE THIS PLACE MAKES ENOUGH TO PAY REFUNDS!
I SHOULD'VE LISTENED TO ALICE. WHO WANTS HEROES?
HOW DOES IT HAPPEN?


HOW DO WE START OUT SO PURE AND INNOCENT, AND END UP SO WARPED AND TWISTED AND ROTTEN?
WHAT MAKES GOOD KIDS TURN INTO SCUM LIKE THE YUNG BLUDS--
ER... EXCUSE ME.
YUNG BLUDS
I'M THE OWNER. I'LL HAVE TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE.
AND WE'LL HAVE TA TELL YA-- SIT ON AN EGG, GRANDAD!
SCUM WHO 'RE GONNA PAY!
NO! I CAN'T--!
BETTER IF I WAIT AWHILE. LET THEM MEET UP WITH THEIR FRIENDS. GET THEM ALL TOGETHER.
DESTROY THEM THE WAY THEY DESTROYED DONNIE!
--PROBABLY SPLIT UP. THEY'LL TRY TO BLEND IN WITH ONE OF THE GROUPS...
CLASSICAL HEROES
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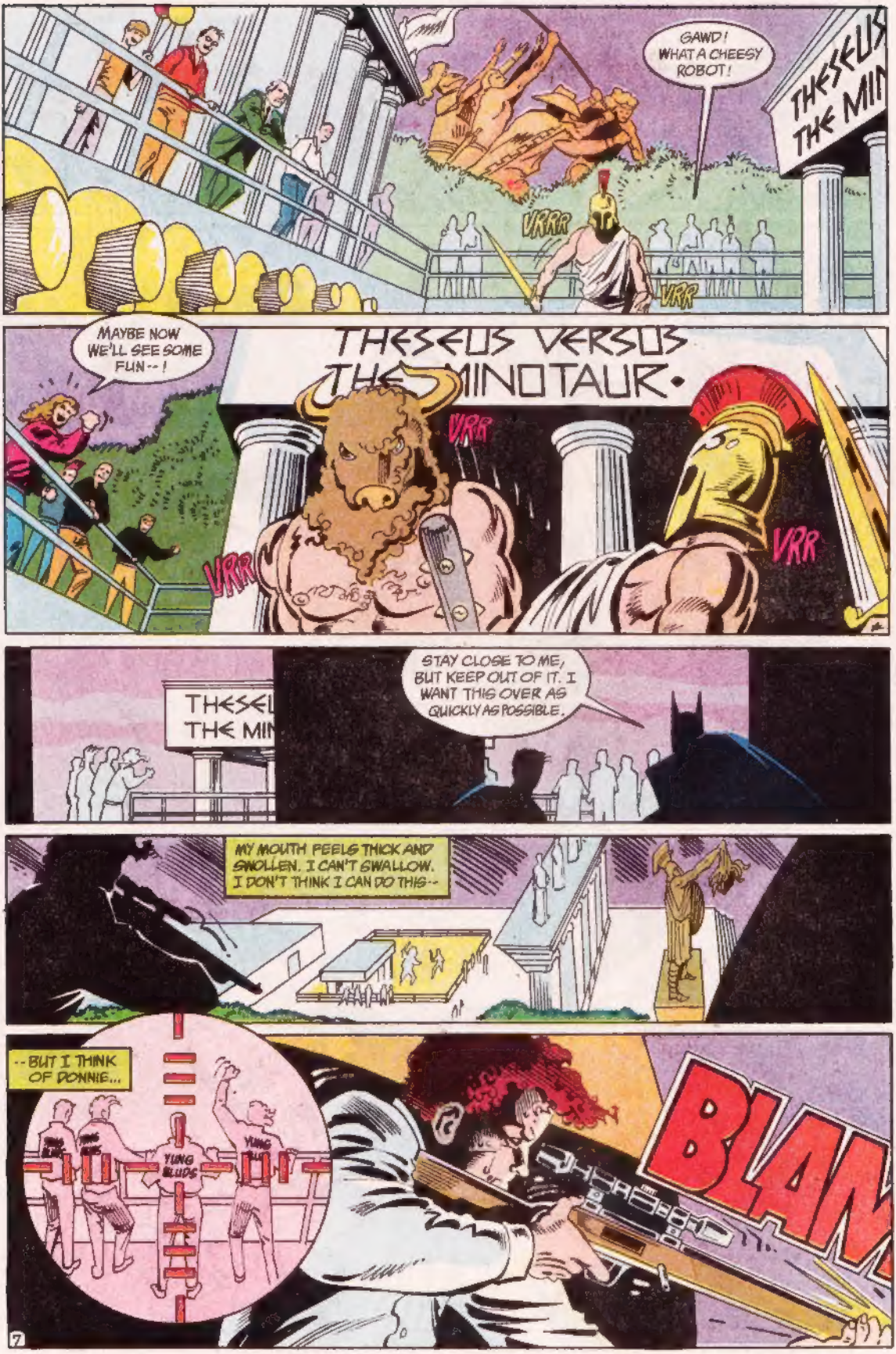
GAWD! WHAT A CHEESY ROBOT!
THESEUS THE MIN
VRRR
VRR
MAYBE NOW WE'LL SEE SOME FUN--!
THESEUS VERSUS THE MINOTAUR.
VRR
VRR
VRR
THESEL THE MIN
STAY CLOSE TO ME, BUT KEEP OUT OF IT. I WANT THIS OVER AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
MY MOUTH FEELS THICK AND SWOLLEN. I CAN'T SWALLOW. I DON'T THINK I CAN DO THIS--
--BUT I THINK OF DONNIE...
YUNG BLUDS
YUNG BLUDS
BLAM

ENJOYING THE SHOW, BIZ?
TAP TAP
UNNG!
WHAT?
AAAAAAAAA
WUNK!
THE BULL'S GONNA CLUB HIM--!
YOU GET BIZ! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS!
I MAY BE NO THESEUS--
--BUT THIS ISN'T MUCH OF A MINOTAUR, EITHER!
CLANGG
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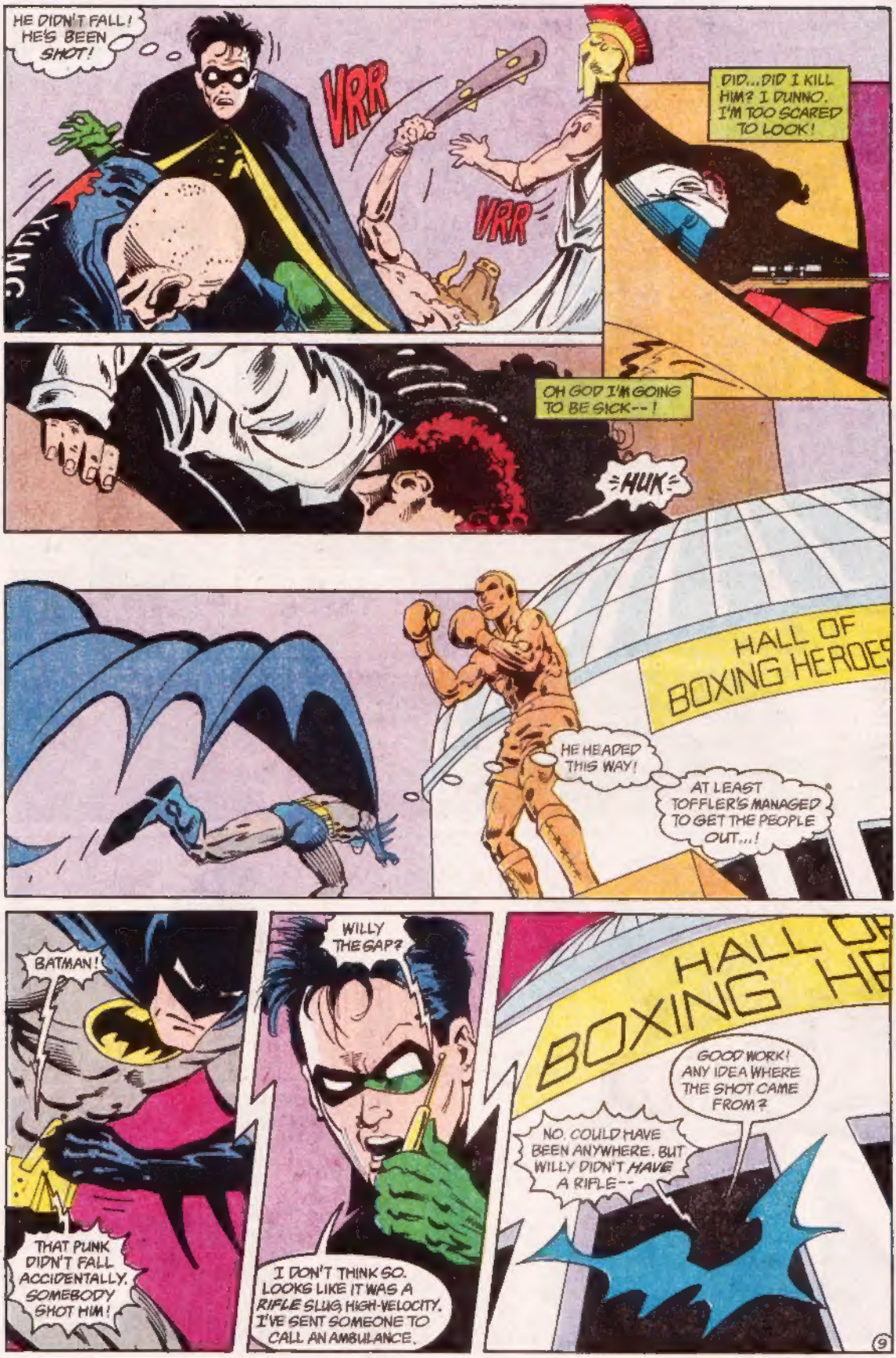
HE DIDN'T FALL! HE'S BEEN SHOT!
VRR
VRR
DID...DID I KILL HIM? I DUNNO. I'M TOO SCARED TO LOOK!
OH GOD I'M GOING TO BE SICK--!
HUK
HALL OF BOXING HEROES
HE HEADED THIS WAY!
AT LEAST TOFFLER'S MANAGED TO GET THE PEOPLE OUT...!
BATMAN!
THAT PUNK DIDN'T FALL ACCIDENTALLY. SOMEBODY SHOT HIM!
WILLY THE GAP?
I DON'T THINK SO. LOOKS LIKE IT WAS A RIFLE SLUG, HIGH-VELOCITY. I'VE SENT SOMEONE TO CALL AN AMBULANCE.
BOXING
GOOD WORK! ANY IDEA WHERE THE SHOT CAME FROM?
NO. COULD HAVE BEEN ANYWHERE. BUT WILLY DIDN'T HAVE A RIFLE--
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TAKE NO CHANCES! I WANT YOU TO
SPRATZ!
VRR
WHOA!
"IRON MIKE" TYSON
VRR
YOU CHASE YOURSELF AWAY, BZ!
VRR
KCHOW
KCHOW
STAY STILL, BLAST YOU!
PAF
VRR
TLNK
HUH--?
VRR
POW!
VRR
COUNT YOURSELF OUT OF IT!
"SMOKIN' JOE FRAZIER
"SMOKIN' JOE" FRAZIER
JUST WILLY NOW!
I ONLY HOPE ROBIN HAS THE SENSE TO STAY PUT!
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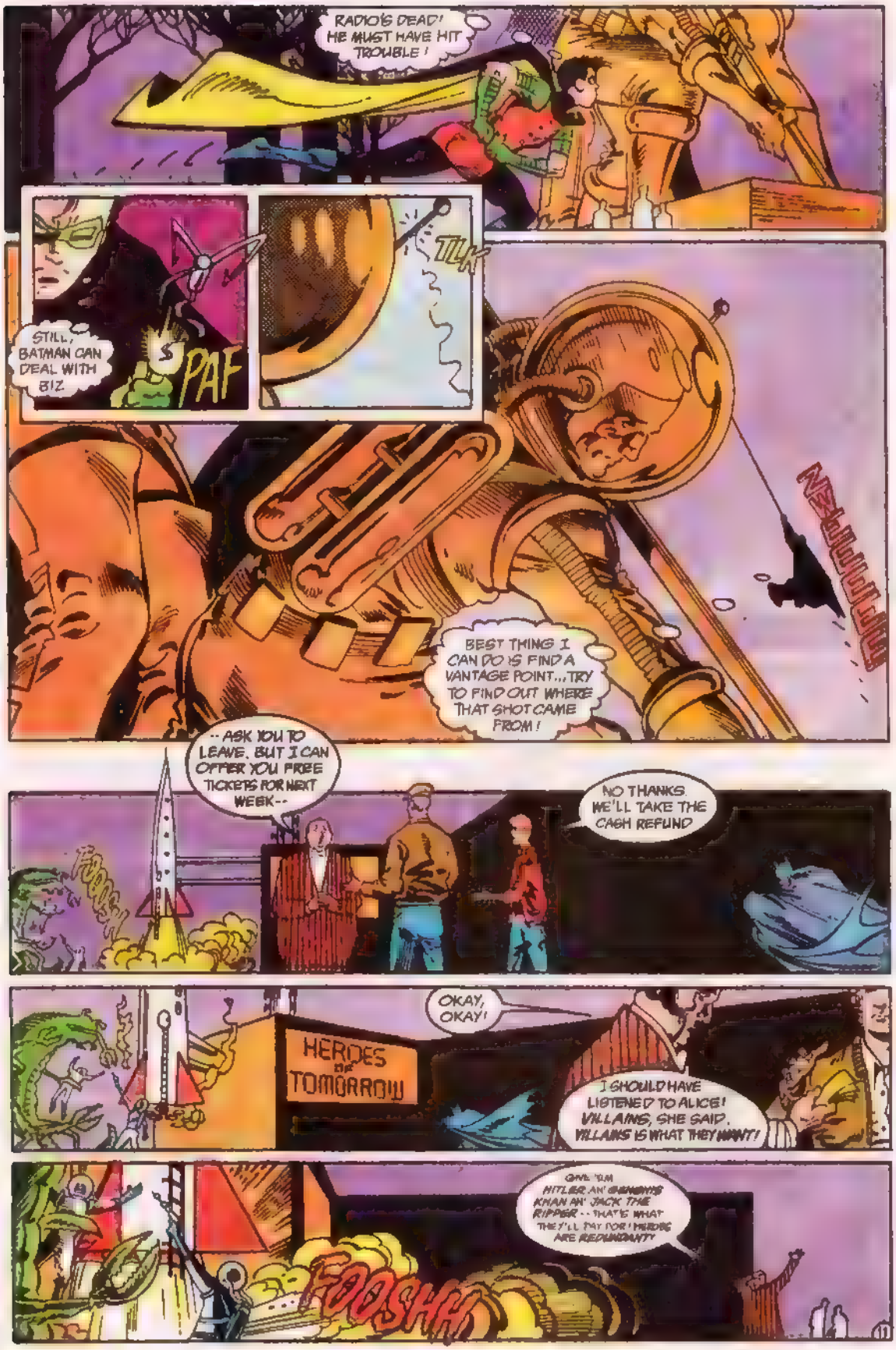
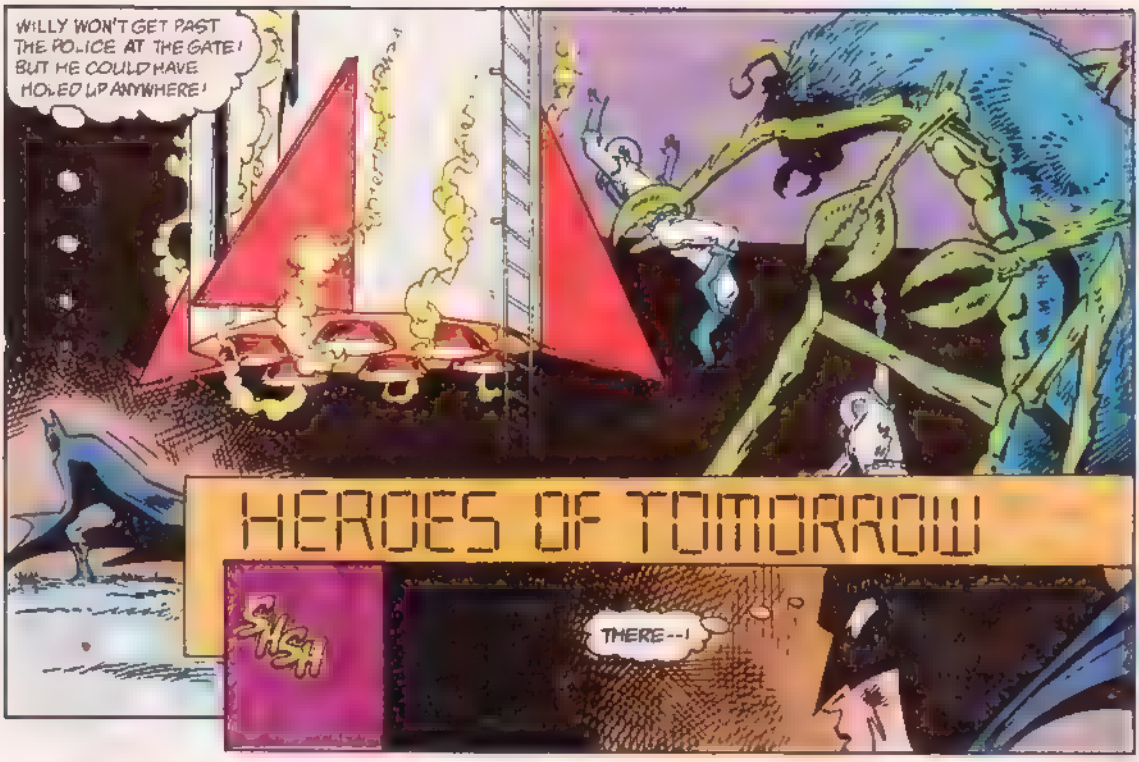
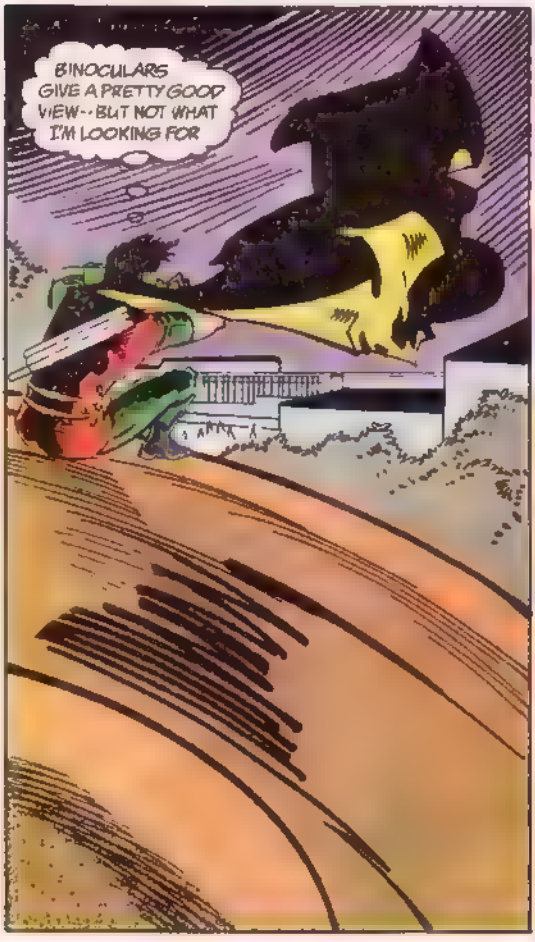
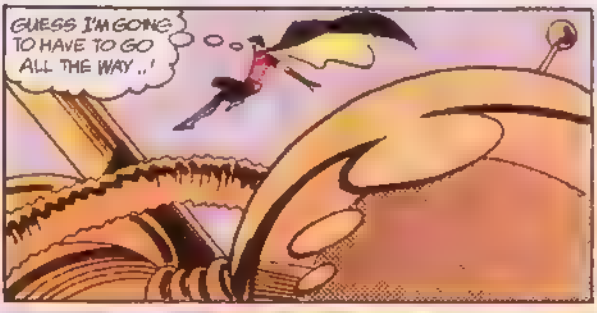
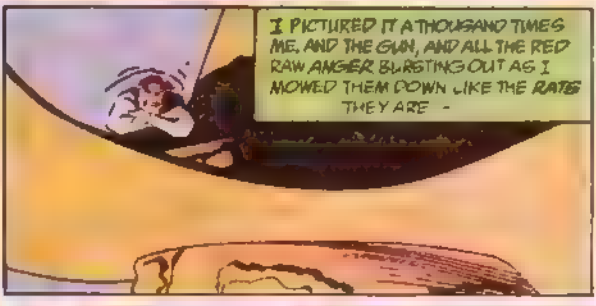
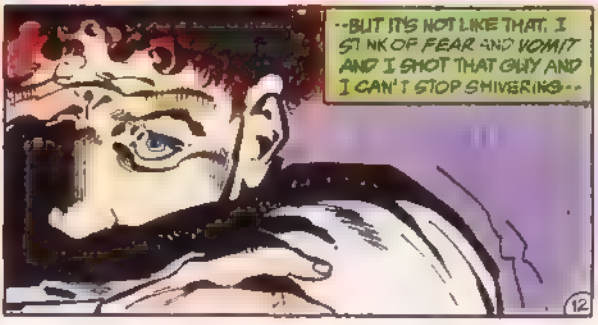

RADIO'S DEAD! HE MUST HAVE HIT TROUBLE!
STILL, BATMAN CAN DEAL WITH BIZ.
PAF
TILK
BEST THING I CAN DO IS FIND A VANTAGE POINT... TRY TO FIND OUT WHERE THAT SHOT CAME FROM!
-- ASK YOU TO LEAVE. BUT I CAN OFFER YOU FREE TICKETS FOR NEXT WEEK--
NO THANKS. WE'LL TAKE THE CASH REFUND
OKAY, OKAY!
HEROES OF TOMORROW
I SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO ALICE! VILLAINS, SHE SAID. VILLAINS IS WHAT THEY WANT!
GIVE 'EM HITLER AN' GENGHIS KHAN AN' JACK THE RIPPER -- THAT'S WHAT THEY'LL PAY FOR! HEROES ARE REDUNDANT!
FOOSHH

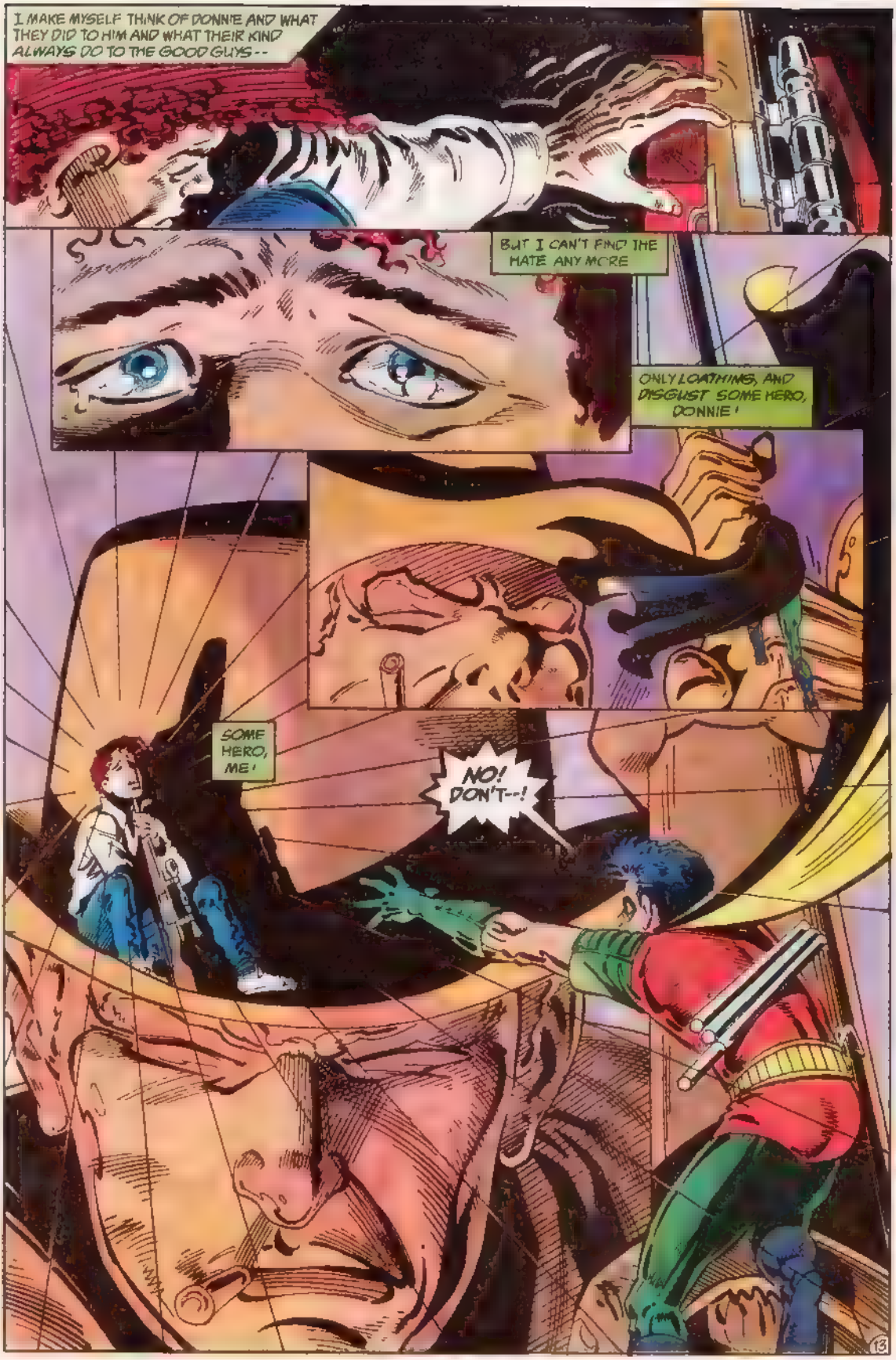

WILLY WON'T GET PAST THE POLICE AT THE GATE! BUT HE COULD HAVE HOLED UP ANYWHERE!
HEROES OF TOMORROW
SHH
THERE--!


BINOCULARS GIVE A PRETTY GOOD VIEW--BUT NOT WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR


GUESS I'M GOING TO HAVE TO GO ALL THE WAY..!


I PICTURED IT A THOUSAND TIMES ME, AND THE GUN, AND ALL THE RED RAW ANGER BURSTING OUT AS I MOWED THEM DOWN LIKE THE RATS THEY ARE -


--BUT IT'S NOT LIKE THAT. I STINK OF FEAR AND VOMIT AND I SHOT THAT GUY AND I CAN'T STOP SHIVERING--


I MAKE MYSELF THINK OF DONNIE AND WHAT THEY DID TO HIM AND WHAT THEIR KIND ALWAYS DO TO THE GOOD GUYS--
BUT I CAN'T FIND THE HATE ANY MORE
ONLY LOATHING, AND DISGUST SOME HERO, DONNIE!
SOME HERO, ME!
NO! DON'T--!

HA HA HA HA HA HA!
TOO LOUD TO BE WILLY! UNLESS IT'S A SET-UP...
YUNG BLUDS KILL HEROES OF TOMORRA
SHSH
BOTHS.
YYYYYY!
FWAP
TNK
EXCUSE ME, SIR!
THE CREEP WON'T GIVE UP! HE'LL FIND ME, IF IT TAKES HIM ALL NIGHT!
FOOSH
STUPID TO THINK I COULD HIDE!
FOOSH!!!

I'M THE OWNER I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO ASK YOU--
OH!
OH YERSELF, GEEK!
AWRIGHT, BATMAN! OUT IN THE OPEN WHERE I CAN SEE YOU--
--OR MR HERO HERE TAKES IT IN THE HEAD!
FOOSH!
--DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR PROBLEM IS, FRIEND, BUT KILLING YOURSELF'S SURELY NO ANSWER!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT? BOY HERO? HA! I COULD TELL YOU ABOUT HEROES.
THEN WHY DON'T YOU? MAYBE IT'LL HELP...
MY BROTHER WAS A HERO. MAYBE YOU HEARD OF HIM - DONNIE LETHROP
THE POLICEMAN?
YEAH "THE JUNKIE COP," THE PAPERS CALLED HIM
BUT THAT'S NOT HOW I REMEMBER HIM. EVER SINCE I WAS A KID, HE WAS MY IDOL. I WAS SO PROUD WHEN HE JOINED THE FORCE...
..AND THEN THE STREETS OF GOTHAM SUNK THEIR HOOKS IN HIM!
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HE WAS WORKING UNDERCOVER, INFILTRATING THE DRUG GANGS -BUT ALL THE TIME HE WAS FEEDING THEM INFO, WHILE THEY GAVE HIM THE COKE TO FEED HIS HABIT
HE HAD EVERYTHING GOING FOR HIM WHAT MADE HIM THROW IT ALL AWAY FOR A NOSEFUL OF POWDER?
I..I DON'T KNOW
YOU HAVE TO KNOW!
YOU'RE A HERO--JUST LIKE DONNIE WAS! WHAT MADE HIM GO BAD?
TELL ME!
HE'S CLOSE TO GOING COMPLETELY OVER THE EDGE! HELP ME ON THIS ONE, BRUCE...!
MAYBE... MAYBE IT WAS THE PRESSURE
WHEN YOU'RE FIGHTING FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN--FOR WHAT'S RIGHT-- YOU FIND OUT JUST HOW ALONE YOU ARE
EVERY TIME YOU FACE UP TO EVIL, YOU HAVE TO BEAT IT BUT YOU ONLY HAVE ONE LIFE... AND YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE IT
IT'S A KNIFE-EDGE NOT MANY CAN WALK SOMETIMES.. EVEN HEROES FALL
FOOSH

YOU DON'T WANT TO SHOOT ME. IT WON'T HELP
GIVE ME THE GUN
I'M WARNING YOU--!
ALL RIGHT, WILLY, I'M HERE. LET HIM GO
HERO!
NO DEAL! I KNOW WHAT THEY SAY--THAT BULLETS CAN'T HURT YOU! BUT THEY CAN HURT THIS GEEK PLENTY!
I GOT A BETTER WAY TO TAKE CARE OF YOU--! EVERY FEW SECONDS THOSE ROCKETS SHOOT OUT FIRE SO--
-YOU RE GONNA FRY!
FOOSH
YOU'RE ONLY MAKING THINGS WORSE FOR YOURSELF YOU'LL NEVER GET PAST THE POLICE AT THE GATE!
LET ME WORRY ABOUT THAT! MOVE!
HERO!

I'VE GOT NOTHING TO LOSE! I ALREADY KILLED ONE PIECE OF VERM N TONIGHT!
HE ISN'T DEAD AND I'M NOT VERMIN ANY MORE THAN DONNIE WAS.
NOW... GIVE ME THE GUN
PLEASE
I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY!
IT'LL BE OKAY
I'LL HELP YOU DOWN
WHEW!
NEXT TIME THE ROCKETS SQUIRT FLAME--IT'LL BE YOUR TURN! NOW GET OVER THERE--!
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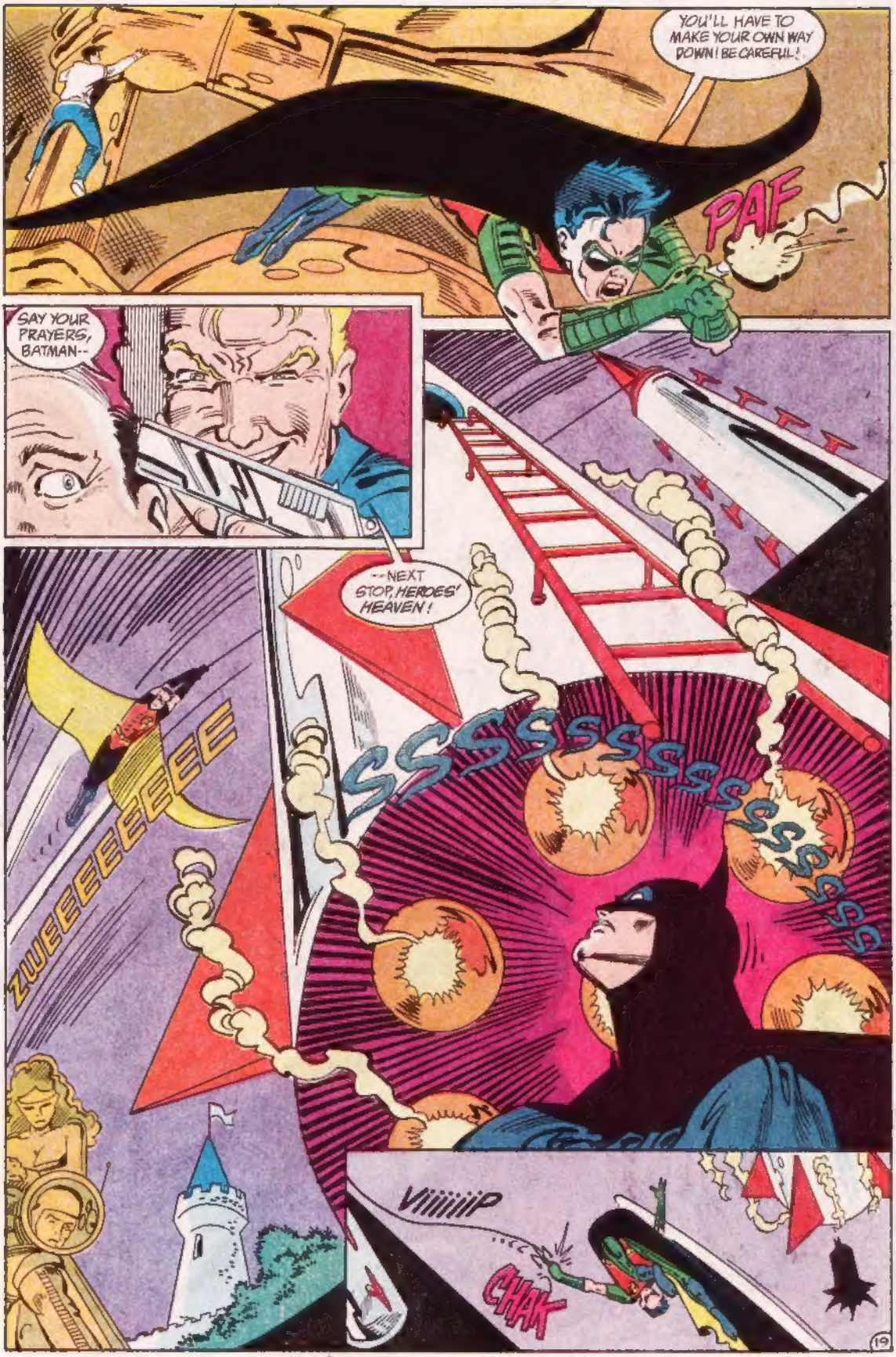
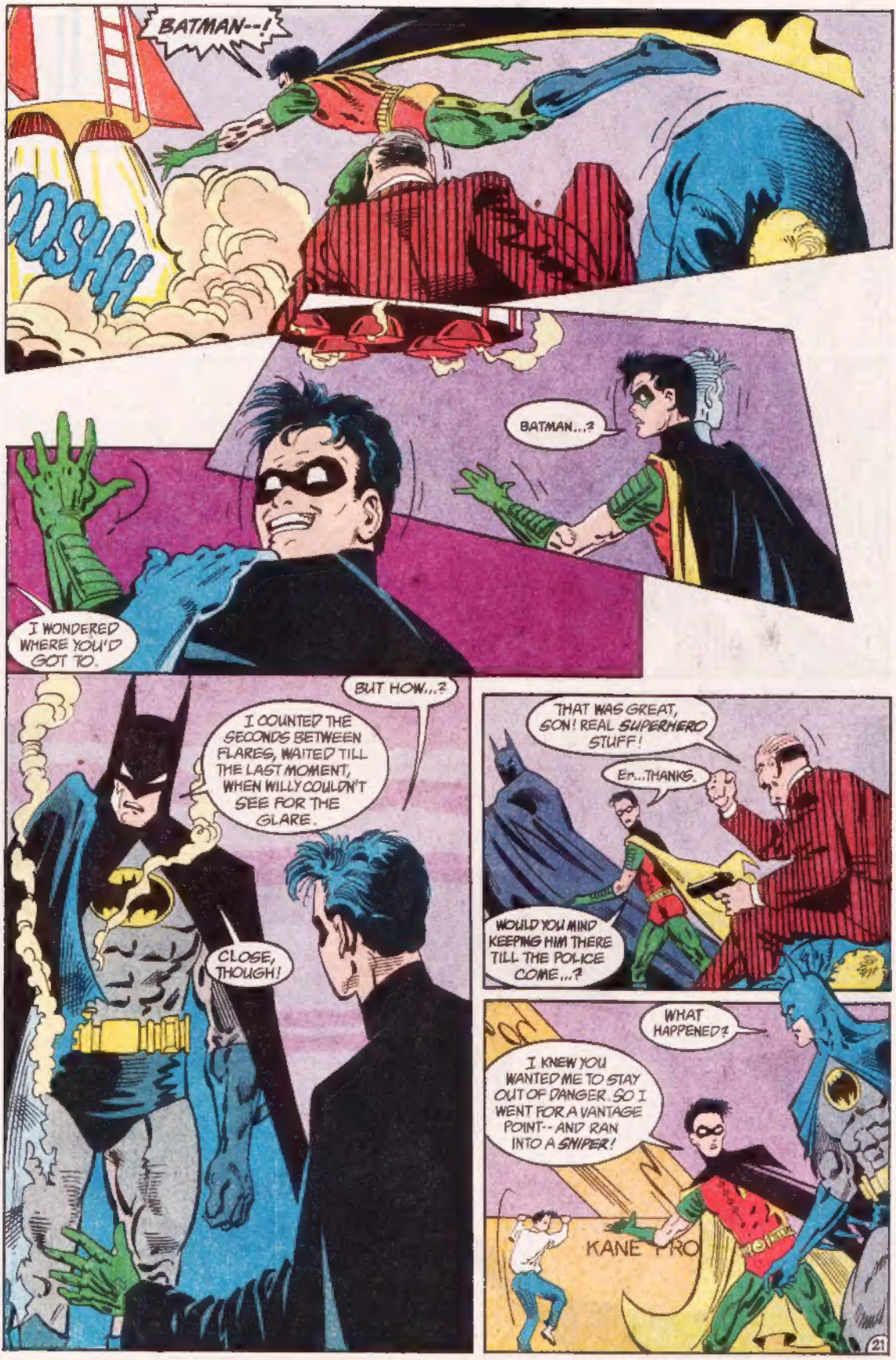

YOU'LL HAVE TO MAKE YOUR OWN WAY DOWN! BE CAREFUL!
PAF
SAY YOUR PRAYERS, BATMAN--
--NEXT STOP, HEROES' HEAVEN!
ZWEEEEEEEEE
SSSSSSSSSSSSSSS
Viiiiiiip
CHAK

PAF
TLNK
ZWEEEEEEE
SSSSSSSSS
BLAM
FOOSH


BATMAN--!
OOSHH
BATMAN...?
I WONDERED WHERE YOU'D GOT TO.
BUT HOW...?
I COUNTED THE SECONDS BETWEEN FLARES, WAITED TILL THE LAST MOMENT, WHEN WILLY COULDN'T SEE FOR THE GLARE.
CLOSE, THOUGH!
THAT WAS GREAT, SON! REAL SUPERHERO STUFF!
Er...THANKS.
WOULD YOU MIND KEEPING HIM THERE TILL THE POLICE COME...?
WHAT HAPPENED?
I KNEW YOU WANTED ME TO STAY OUT OF DANGER. SO I WENT FOR A VANTAGE POINT-- AND RAN INTO A SNIPER!
KANE PRO
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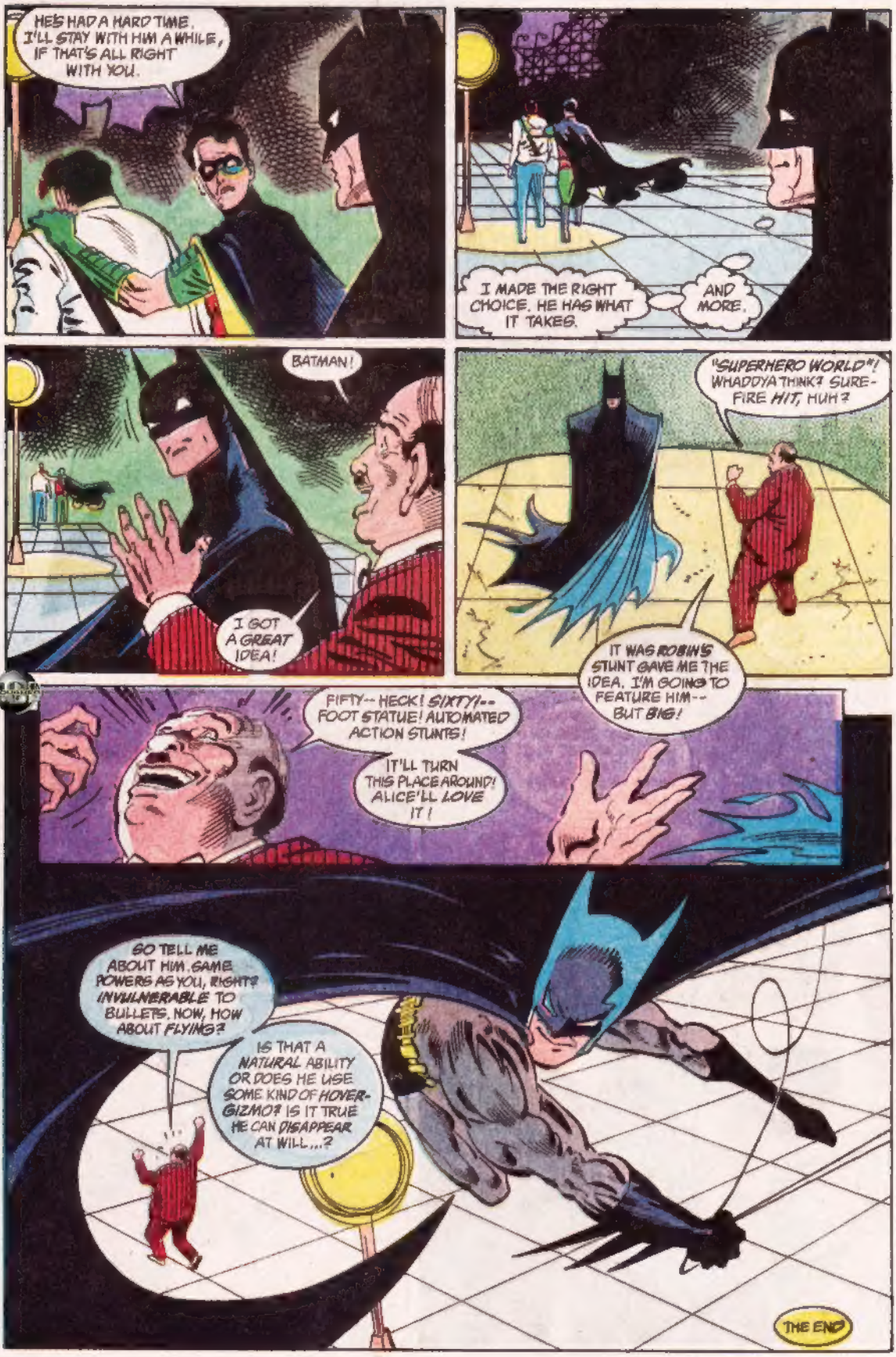
HE'S HAD A HARD TIME. I'LL STAY WITH HIM A WHILE, IF THAT'S ALL RIGHT WITH YOU.
I MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE. HE HAS WHAT IT TAKES.
AND MORE.
BATMAN!
I GOT A GREAT IDEA!
"SUPERHERO WORLD"! WHADDYA THINK? SURE-FIRE HIT, HUH?
IT WAS ROBIN'S STUNT GAVE ME THE IDEA. I'M GOING TO FEATURE HIM-- BUT BIG!
FIFTY-- HECK! SIXTY!-- FOOT STATUE! AUTOMATED ACTION STUNTS!
IT'LL TURN THIS PLACE AROUND! ALICE'LL LOVE IT!
SO TELL ME ABOUT HIM. SAME POWERS AS YOU, RIGHT? INVULNERABLE TO BULLETS. NOW, HOW ABOUT FLYING?
IS THAT A NATURAL ABILITY OR DOES HE USE SOME KIND OF HOVER-GIZMO? IS IT TRUE HE CAN DISAPPEAR AT WILL...?
THE END